

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: In a drastic change from a week ago, cooler temperatures and above average precipitation were the norm for many areas across the State, boosting not only soil moisture levels, but aiding alfalfa hay and winter wheat condition, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. The largest accumulation of rain was reported at Clayton, where 2.12 inches were reported. In addition, Cloudcroft, Conchas Dam, El Vado Dam, Pasamonte, Santa Fe, and Tucumcari also accumulated more than an inch of moisture during the week. Conversely, Hachita and Redrock were the only dry weather stations. Overall, year-to-date precipitation totals are above average at all reporting weather stations except Angel Fire, Gran Quivira, and Socorro. Statewide, alfalfa condition was reported as 53 percent good to excellent, compared with 40 percent last week, 46 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Winter wheat condition was reported as 52 percent good to excellent, compared with 36 percent last week, 42 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below to 6 degrees above average, with most weather stations reporting cooler than normal temperatures. Daytime highs ranged from 62 degrees at Angel Fire to 95 degrees at Carlsbad. Overnight lows varied from 16 degrees at Angel Fire to 39 degrees at Hachita. Reports from Union County indicated that a spring snow storm struck over the weekend, providing moisture to recently sown crops, but leading to some cattle deaths. Elsewhere, high winds continued to impact counties in the northeast and across the southern half of the State. Lea County crop producers were busy cultivating, fertilizing, and planting corn. The State’s cotton crop was half planted, slightly ahead of the average pace. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent moderate and 5 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was not reported at this point. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 11 percent very short, 25 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	31	19	32	30
Chile				
Planted.....	87	79	78	89
Emerged	49	41	43	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	29	25	23	28
Emerged	3	1	--	5
Cotton				
Planted.....	51	46	39	43
Emerged	13	1	10	NA
Onions				
Planted.....	95	88	100	100
Emerged	85	79	94	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	1	--	6	6
Winter wheat				
Headed	70	50	54	39
Cows calved	82	77	87	NA
Ewes lambled	93	88	86	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	70	68	65	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	70	72	47	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.3	6.7	6.1	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	10	42
Short	38	49	59	34
Adequate	46	37	30	24
Surplus	3	1	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	9	NA
Short	36	45	35	NA
Adequate	54	45	56	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	5	2	4
Fair.....	46	55	52	41
Good	52	39	35	40
Excellent	1	1	11	14
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	16	--	12
Good	84	84	75	52
Excellent	--	--	25	36
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	3	9	2	32
Poor.....	13	18	18	25
Fair.....	59	50	48	26
Good	23	21	29	14
Excellent	2	2	3	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	2	3	33
Poor.....	14	25	17	14
Fair.....	33	37	38	29
Good	41	31	39	18
Excellent	11	5	3	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	51	47	37	NA
Good	43	47	53	NA
Excellent	3	3	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	5	6	15	NA
Poor.....	11	13	12	NA
Fair.....	31	34	18	NA
Good	52	46	54	NA
Excellent	1	1	1	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_04302017.pdf